



News from Ms. Morningstar

Graham Hill students will become lifelong learners and problem solvers. They will work to get along with others and respect differences.

Fall Fest: Thank you!
It was wonderful to see so many happy families enjoying the annual Fall Fest. It wouldn't have been as much fun without the wonderful cooperation of so many volunteers. Enormous thank you's go out to the PTA Board members who each took a different focus for the evening and made sure it got accomplished. Wonderful food, DJ, decorations, book fair and happy memories.

Professional Development:

Today the children will be dismissed at 1:15. I want to assure you that when we have these early release days each staff

member will be engaged in very meaningful work. The teachers will be going through a 3 hour Powerful Writers training focusing on conferencing with students about their writing. All of our Instructional Assistants and any staff who have duty on the playground will be in a two hour training with Sean Rolloson following our Positive Discipline model discussing playground issues and problem solving steps with the students.

Parent Conferences:

If you haven't signed up yet for your conference with your child's teacher please do so now. We start on November 13th.

Enrollment Information:

Please be aware that Sibling Early Assignment Applications are being accepted now at the enrollment centers. Students entering Kindergarten who have a sibling attending Graham Hill next year may apply now. Open enrollment for all grades happens from 1/22/07-2/29/07.

Kindergarten Tours:

It is not too early to plan for these tours and spread the word to your neighbors and friends. Our tours will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays in January and some in February. There will be interpreters in Somali, Vietnamese and Spanish on several of the tours. Stay tuned for more information.

Graham Hill Elementary

From the desk of Chris Morningstar

October 31, 2007

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Upcoming events:

11/6: VOTE TODAY
11/13: PTA Board meeting@ 6:00
11/13-11/20: Parent/Teacher conferences. Students out@ 1:15
11/21: Students out at 2:15 for Thanksgiving.
11/27: PTA meeting @6:30.

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NEXT PTA MEETING



Tuesday, November 27th

During this evening, we'll spend part of the time updating you on the activities at Graham Hill and the ever-present volunteer opportunities. We'd love to see as many of you there as possible to share ideas and work together.



FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE



Does just hearing the word 'fundraising' make you run away? It doesn't have to. There are many creative and fun ways that we can and already do raise money for Graham Hill. Did you know that we don't have a fundraising committee yet? We already have some wonderful volunteers who are doing some of the fundraising tasks but we anticipate doing so much more once a team of people is put in place. The PTA board is in the process of putting together a clear job description and contacting those who expressed interest through the volunteer form. There are various ways you can be involved in this very important group. If you are excited about helping raise money so we can do even more for the students and families of Graham Hill, contact Debbie Leonard at (206) 725-9345 or debleonard@hotmail.com or any PTA board member.

THANK YOU FALL FEST VOLUNTEERS!!!



To those of you who participated by organizing and recruiting, shopping, setting up, making food, helping with activities, selling books, cleaning up, and much more, the PTA board offers up to you a great big THANKS! The evening was a great success and so much fun! We couldn't have done it without you!

COFFEE HOUR



Every Wednesday morning, you can stop by near the front office for some hot coffee and perhaps a pastry to go with it. Even if you don't want coffee, it's a great chance to meet other parents and chat for a few minutes. We'd love to see you there!